

IN THE CLAIMS

This amendment contains no changes to the claims. The current claims are set forth below.

1. (Original) A biologically pure bacterial strain for bioremediation of petroleum hydrocarbons comprising an isolate selected from the group consisting of ATCC accession numbers PTA-5570, PTA-5571, PTA-5572, PTA-5573, PTA-5574, PTA-5575, PTA-5576, PTA-5577, PTA-5578, PTA-5579, PTA-5580, PTA-5581 and combinations thereof.
- 2-15 (Canceled)
16. (Previously Presented) A biologically pure culture of one or more organisms, and mutants thereof, having all of the identifying characteristics of said microorganisms, wherein said microorganisms are capable of degrading petroleum hydrocarbons, said microorganisms being selected from the group consisting of ATCC accession numbers PTA-5570, PTA-5571, PTA-5572, PTA-5573, PTA-5574, PTA-5575, PTA-5576, PTA-5577, PTA-5578, PTA-5579, PTA-5580, PTA-5581 and mixtures thereof.
17. (Previously Presented) A biologically pure culture of one or more microorganisms, and mutants thereof, having all of the identifying characteristics of said microorganisms wherein said microorganisms are capable of degrading petroleum hydrocarbons, said microorganisms being selected from the group consisting of *Alcaligenes-piechaudii* (ATCC PTA-5580), *Ralstonia-pickettii* (ATCC PTA-5579), *Pseudomonas putida* (ATCC PTA-5581), and mixtures thereof, said microorganisms having the additional characteristic of producing a surfactant.
18. (Previously Presented) A biologically pure culture according to claim 16 wherein said hydrocarbon is a polyaromatic hydrocarbon.